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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable since we are already on a strained, fixed income.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, elderly people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as telephobic people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume social callers or business customers. This is unfair!

We are an elderly couple who use our wireless phone primarily for safety and security. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses and those who constantly abuse the use of wireless phones can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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